



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL STEVEN J. SMART

Colonel Steve Smart is the Vice Commander, 184th Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. He assists the commander in leading, managing and developing more than 1,300 airmen who execute a broad spectrum of missions including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; cyberspace operations; and command and control, all of which greatly enhance the U.S. Air Force's capability to provide actionable intelligence and cyberspace operations for combat forces around the globe.

Colonel Smart previously served as the Commander of the 184th Mission Support Group, responsible for domestic operations and base operating support for over 1,300 airmen. Before his tenure in the Mission Support Group, Colonel Smart served for 17 years as an Air Force Judge Advocate, culminating as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 184th Cyber Operations Group and as an Attorney/Advisor for the 184th Wing as a Dual Status Military Technican.



## EDUCATION

- 1993 Associate of Arts, Wentworth Military Academy Jr. College, Lexington, Missouri
- 1995 Bachelor of Science, John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas
- 1999 Juris Doctorate, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington
- 2003 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
- 2010 ACSC (correspondence)
- 2011 ACSC (in residence)
- 2014 Air War College (correspondence)
- 2021 Joint Forces Staff College--Jont and Combined Warfighting School (in residence)

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2002 – May 2005, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 509 BW/JA, Whiteman AFB, MO
2. May 2005 – July 2006, Area Defense Counsel, AFLOA, Whiteman AFB, MO
3. July 2006 – July 2008, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 70 IW/JA, Fort Meade, MD
4. July 2008 – May 2010, Chief of Operational Law, JFCC-NW, Fort Meade, MD (Deployed to Bagram AB, Afghanistan as Legal Advisor, Expeditionary Cyber Support Element, Winter 2010)
5. May 2010 – July 2010, Chief of Operational Law, USCYBERCOM, Fort Meade, MD
6. July 2010 – June 2011, ACSC Student, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. June 2011 – July 2012, Chief, Strategic Communication, The Judge Advocate General's Action Group, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon
8. July 2012 – July 2013, Special Counsel to The Judge Advocate General, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon
9. July 2013 – July 2014, Chief, Expeditionary Branch, Professional Development Directorate, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon
10. July 2014-July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, 22 ARW/JA, McConnell AFB, KS
11. July 2016-Dec 2018, Staff Judge Advocate, 184 COG/JA, McConnell AFB, KS

12. January 2019-June 2019, Deputy Commmander, 184 MSG, McConnell AFB, KS
13. June 2019-December 2020, Commander, 184th Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, KS
14. December 2020-Present, Vice Commander, 184th Wing, McConnell AFB, KS

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
2013 Air Force General Counsel's Award  
2011 General Michael Hayden Award for Information Operations

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant	5 January 2002
Captain	5 July 2002
Major	1 January 2009
Lieutenant Colonel	1 April 2014
Colonel	21 November 2019

(Current as of March 2022)